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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Mark Navarro

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 1-24 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-3 and 18-19, drawn to proteins.

Group II, claim(s) 4-9, drawn to DNA.

Group III, claim(s) 10-11, drawn to antibodies.

Group IV, claim(s) 12-13 and 16-17, drawn to “use” claims.

Group V, claim(s) 14-15, drawn to methods of screening.

Group VI, claim(s) 20-21, drawn to methods of prevention.

Group VII, claim(s) 22-24, drawn to methods of diagnosis.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-VII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The unique special technical feature of Invention II drawn to a DNA molecule, and the unique special technical feature of Invention I drawn to a polypeptide molecule are distinct since

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they are products with different structure and biological properties. The protein is made of amino acids whereas the nucleic acid molecule consists of nucleotides. Further methods known in the art used to make the polypeptide require different reagents and parameters from the methods of making nucleic acid encoding the protein and the method of making the polypeptide does not require the nucleic acid. For instance, the protein can be made by Merrifield chemical synthesis or affinity chromatography.

The unique special technical feature of Invention III drawn to an antibody is distinct from the unique special technical features of Inventions I-II and III-VII, since it has an inherent affinity, avidity, and specificity that DNA or a simple protein is not capable of expressing.

Group IV, directed to "use claims" are non-statutory claims. Accordingly, no special technical feature is present. Applicant is advised that amendment of these claims into statutory claims will result in the claims being grouped with existing groups or perhaps new groups, depending upon the amendment.

Group V, drawn to methods of screening, Group VI, drawn to methods of prevention, and Group VII, drawn to methods of diagnosis are all distinct since they require additional biological reagents and parameters for determining efficacy. For instance, methods of screening are preformed with an in vitro assay, whereas methods of prevention are required to be administered in vivo. Furthermore, methods of diagnosis require additional reagents to detect true positives from false positives.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Navarro whose telephone number is (703) 306-3225.



Mark Navarro

Primary Examiner

September 9, 2003